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Welcome To The Hill Sub-Freshmen

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Claude Thornhill To Play At 1954 Winter Carnival; Water Shortage Is Not Acute; No Shutdown Expected

Pool Closed To Ensure Safe Supply For Fire Fighting; Urge Careful Use

Only if, by an unprecedented stroke of bad luck, there should be no spring rains will the College be without water. The Administration reported this week that the present water shortage will go no further than last week's shutdown of the College pool and that "with a little care the College will get through this year without having to close school."

Superintendent of Grounds Eliot Burton estimated that the College reservoirs had a remaining supply of more than four and a half million gallons of water. According to Burton, the College community uses 50,000 gallons a day and therefore has enough water until April 15. By that date water from rain and thaws, such as from the recent snowfall, will have replenished the three College reservoirs.

Pool Closed

For the present, the College felt that it was necessary to close the pool, which took 3,000 of the daily usage of 50,000 gallons, to insure adequate water supply for possible fire-fighting. In case of a fire, the College could always rely on the pumping equipment on Clinton and Utica Fire Department trucks. If the water shortage improves in the near future, the College will re-open the pool. No shutdown of the ice rink is planned by the Administration.

If the shortage does continue, water pressure on the top floors of the dormitories may fall, but other than that, students will not notice any effect of the lack of water. The College has requested a cut-down on showers in the dormitories and the Gymnasium, washing machine usage and other normal uses of water.

Swimming Schedule Cancelled

Because of the pool shutdown the Hamilton swimming team was forced to practice in the Utica YMCA pool for its two away meets before the cancellation of its remaining meets. The team met Brockport State Teachers College and Rochester University last weekend. The team was scheduled to compete against RPI, Rochester, Cortland and Union at Hamilton, but those meets have been cancelled.

The water shortage, which was announced before Christmas recess, was caused by an unfortunate meeting of circumstance and necessity. The College, according to a regular schedule, had to clean its reservoirs this summer. To do this the largest of three College reservoirs, which are located a mile from the campus, was drained without knowledge that 1953 would be one of the biggest drought years in New York history. The reservoirs must be drained only every 25 years. It is expected, however, that by the opening of college next September all three reservoirs will have returned to their normal levels.

The Honor Court requests that before taking final examinations, students should review the rules of the honor system in the College Student Handbook on pages 5-7 so that there will be no misunderstanding concerning them.

SC To Propose New Budget Plan For Hill Groups

By Gene Granof

Al Saunders, president of the Student Council, announced this week that the Council will propose a new budget amendment to the Student Government Constitution. This amendment, prepared by Bruce King, Otto Badenhausen and Harvey Katz, is designed to give the Trustees a better idea of the financial needs of Hill organizations before appropriating money for their operation.

Present System Ineffective

Under the present system, student organizations submit budget requests to the Student Council in September of the year in which they go into effect. The Trustees, however, meet the preceding April and basing their estimate on the financial needs of the previous year, appropriate funds for the organizations. Often, because of increasing costs, the financial needs of the Hill organizations are not met and they must either reduce their activities or ask the Student Council to use its funds to cover the deficit.

Delta Upsilon has elected William Skinner as president for the spring semester. Kenneth Higgins is the new vice-president and Robert Mead, recording secretary.

The new amendment provides that Hill organizations will submit budget requests of student organizations for the coming year and will appropriate funds accordingly.

Night Exam Problem

The Student Council, during December, also received the full support of the Academic Council in its effort to eliminate night exams. The Council is now checking the present system of scheduling hour exams to see if some system can be worked out to prevent the "piling up" of exams at one time.

Saunders also stated that he will confer with the President and the Dean on the improvement of infirmary facilities for accomodating dates on off weekends. No action has been taken by the College administration on this problem.

Blegen Named As Winslow Lecturer; Here Feb. 11-12

Excavated Ruins Lecture Subject

Excavations that have uncovered the palace of Nestor, advisor to the Greeks in the Trojan War and have produced a wealth of early works of art and treasures will be the subject of this year's Winslow Lectures on Classical Archaeology.

Professor Carl W. Blegen of the University of Cincinnati will speak at 8:00 p.m., on February 11 and 12, in the Alpha Delt House. Blegen's first lecture will tell of his excavations at Mycenae, Greece of "the palace of a powerful king" of the late Bronze age (c 1300 B.C.) "There can be little doubt that it is Nester's palace that has been discovered," Blegen has written. The huge dimensions, great wealth and the fine frescoes reveal that this palace was the family home of Nestor, who, according to Homer, led 90 ships to Troy.

Mycenaen Civilization

The second lecture, entitled "Mycenaen Civilization In The Light Of Recent Discoveries," will concern Blegen's findings of art treasures, tablets, and graves in the area which was "a capital of culture in the late Bronze age." Among the relics that have been found are clay, bronze and alabaster vases, bronze swords, daggers with pommels of ivory, alabaster and rock crystal, earrings, bracelets and gold. In addition, over 400 tablets were discovered that link the culture of Mycenae at this time to the culture of Crete, where similar tablets were found. As yet, none of the tablets have been deciphered. Blegen has written books on his work at each of these places.

Contributes to Periodicals

He has also contributed to many periodicals and is active in classical, and scholarly organizations throughout the world. He is the head of the department of classics at the University of Cincinnati, and director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. He is a member of the British Academy and the

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CLAUDE THORNHILL

IFC Pledges More Sleep, Shorter Trips

The Interfraternity Council, following a decision made at its Monday night meeting, sent a letter to the Academic Council containing the Council's rules and plans for "Hell Week." The letter restated last year'se rules except for the deletion of Rule No. 4 which made each member of the IFC "personally resposible for any infringement of the rules."

The IFC recommended to the Academic Council that some reading assignments be given the freshmen, if possible, before the beginning of the semester and that the two councils meet together shortly after Initiation Week.

Trips Shortened

The IFC also recommended to the fraternities that pledge trips be shortened and planned to avert "any and all unfavorable publicity," and that the IFC representatives be on the Initiation Week committees of their respective houses "in order to facilitate the enforcements of the Initiation Week rules."

The IFC letter to the Council read as follows:

"The Academic Council has made three suggestions for the improvement of Initiation Week: 1) that no activities taking place during Initiation Week bring discredit upon the College, the fraternities or individuals concerned; 2) that pledges be given sufficient time for sleep and study during Initiation Week; 3) that any form of physical indignity during Initiation Week be forbidden.

Passes Three Rules

"Upon consideration of Initiation Week and the recommendations of the Academic Council, the Interfraternity Council has unanimously passed the following Initiation Week Rules:

"(1) No pledge duty during Initiation Week shall be such as to bring discredit upon Hamilton College, the fraternities involved, or the individuals concerned.

"(2) Each fraternity shall guarantee to the Interfraternity Council that each pledge shall have sufficient time for study and for sleep during Initiation Week; further, they shall guarantee that no pledge be permitted to cut any class during Initiation Week.

"(3) The Hamilton College rule prohibiting hazing is to be henceforth interpreted as for-

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Alpha Psi Omega Honors Three Hill Thespians

Pick Mrs. Lewis, Freyss, Scafati

The Hamilton chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatics fraternity, elected David Freyss, Aldo Scafati and Mrs. Norman Lewis to membership yesterday.

Bill Woodman, president of the local chapter, made the announcement in Chapel Assembly. The new members will be initiated at a later meeting of the group.

Assistant Director

Freyss, assistant director of the Charlatans, played the part of Captain Vere in the fall production of *Billy Budd*. Before spending his junior year studying at the Sorbonne, he was seen on the Hamilton stage in 1951-52 as Arthur Gosport in *Harlequinade*, as the old man in the one-act play, *The Best Thing* and as Ivanoff in *Darkness at Noon*. Freyss is a senior and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Scafati, another senior, was also in *Billy Budd* this fall. His other dramatic roles have been in *Darkness at Noon* and the 1952 one-act plays. He directed last spring's production of Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra* and was construction manager for *Kind Lady*.

Played Antigone

Mrs. Norman Lewis had the leading role in the recent reading of *Antigone*. Previous to this year she acted in *The Imaginary Invalid, Harlequinade* and *Kind Lady*. She has also worked for the Charlatans as a make-up and costumes assistant. She is being selected as an honorary member of the group.

Name Band To Play At Formal Dance On February 20 In Hamilton Gym

One of the country's leading bandmasters—Claude Thornhill—will bring his 13-piece band to the Hill to highlight what promises to be "one of the biggest weekends in Winter Carnival history," according to Peter Whitcombe, head of the Social Organizations' Committee.

Thornhill's band will provide the music for Winter Carnival festivities Saturday night, February 20. Judged by critics as "one of the smoothest, most danceable bands in the country," the organization, featuring Thornhill at the piano, was voted by *Look* magazine as the Band of the Year in 1948. Since then the band has recorded many hit songs for Victor and Columbia records.

According to Whitcombe, "the aim of the Social Committee this year was to get a band to dance to, not to listen to, and with the contracting of the Claude Thornhill band, the Committee believes that it has succeeded." After doing arrangements for Benny Goodman, Hal Kemp, Bing Crosby and others, Thornhill formed his own band in 1940. During World War II he toured the Pacific with his own show featuring his band and Dennis Day, popular radio and television singer.

Other preparations for Winter Carnival are progressing well, according to Whitcombe, and the Committee is arranging for Princeton's Tigertown Five, probably the top College jazz band in the country, to give a jazz concert Friday night of Carnival. No contract has been signed yet, however. Additional information on Winter Carnival "theme" will be announced later.

Sub-Frosh Arrive On Hill Tomorrow

By Jay Eveleth

Approximately 60 high school seniors will arrive on the Hill tomorrow morning for the College's winter sub-freshmen week end. The weekend is sponsored by the Student Admissions Committee in conjunction with the Block H Club.

The sub-freshmen will register at the gym where they will be assigned to fraternity houses. At 2 p.m. they will be welcomed by the College in the Chapel, and following this, students will

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Hill Chapter Of Pi Delta Epsilon Names Eight Men

Whitcombe Lists New Members

Pi Delta Epsilon elected eight new members to the honorary journalistic fraternity yesterday in recognition of their achievements in Hill publications.

Peter Whitcombe, president of the Hamilton chapter, announced in Chapel Assembly that the following had been elected to membership: Erwin Browne, Gilman Burke, David Campbell, Ronald Krauss, Norman Lewis, Stanley Schade, Michael Stephenson and Frank Weber.

Worked On Hamiltonian

Browne, a senior, has worked on *The Hamiltonian* staff for three years and has been an editorial assistant for two years. He is a member of Emerson Literary Socnety. Burke, also a senior, is chairman of the Publications Board. He has worked for *The Hamiltonian* and as a feature writer for *The Spectator*. He is a Chi Psi.

Campbell, the only sophomore to be elected, has been a regular contributor to *The Continental* and is on the literary magazine's editorial board. A member of E.L.S., he has had poetry accepted for publication in the 1953 publication of the *Anthology of College Poetry*.

Utica Sports Correspondent

Krauss, '55, is the College sports correspondent for the two Utica newspapers. He has written sports for *The Spectator* and the football program. He served on the Press Board last year also. He is a member of Delta Phi. Lewis, assistant comptroller of the College, has served in many advisory and business capacities for all of the Hill publications. He acts for the College in all of the contracts trans-

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Choir To Salute Athens College With Voice Of America Concert

Hamilton College will participate in the first American college musical salute to a foreign university, according to tentative arrangements made between Hamilton and Athens College in Greece.

Plans call for a half-hour concert by the Hamilton College Choir in the Chapel March 1. The concert would be tape- recorded by Utica radio station WIBX and broadcast by the Voice of America to listeners in Greece. During intermission of the concert, Persident Robert W. McEwen would give a short talk commemorating the event, and it is hoped that officials of the Greek government will be able to come to the Hill to hear the concert.

Charles L. Todd, '31, an official of the United States Information Agency, is chiefly responsible for making arrangements for the concert and the tape recording. Todd recently visited the College and commented to both faculty and students that this will be an excellent opportunity to help foster a better relationship between the two colleges. Todd said that other colleges, including Yale, Amherst, Wesleyan and Oberlin have had long standing relationships with foreign universities. They have increased their contacts with those universities in the last few years, according to Todd, by starting an exchange student program and also by having recent graduates of their schools teach there. Todd feels that a concert saluting Athens College by the Hamilton Choir can be the beginning of a closer relationship with the College which may lead to the establishment of a faculty and student exchange program as well.

Several students from Athens have come to Hamilton in the last ten years, and the Hamilton College Campus Fund, since its organization four years ago, has also contributed part of its annual collections to the college. Homer Davis, '16, is president of Athens College.

'Antigone' Reading Reviewed

By Dan Fulmer

Jean Anouilh's *Anigone* was first played in February of 1944 to a Paris audience oppressed by four years of Nazi dictatorship and filled with dynamic self-assertion of Sartre's existeentialism. The play was no less powerful to a Hamilton audience Friday night who wittnessed a Chapel reading of *Antigone*. Although the war and Hitler were eight years in the past, the play was in English translation and no stage movements or scenery were used, it still seemed to live with its message and its many levels of meanings.

As for the play's message or its levels of meaning, it is interesting to remember H. H. Wilson's Chapel lecture of before vacation in order to point up the very contemporary significance of *Antigone*. Wilson warned of the regimentation of individuals in an over-mechanized society.

> And is it not true that we are being pushed around in so many little ways every day? De we not seem like Creons making almost imperceptible daily compromises in the name of efficiency and the common good? Wilson made the statement—and Thoreau and Antigone herself said it also—"perhaps someone must go to prison." There comes a time when an individual must say "no" to the often absurd and awful world. Anouilh and Wilson both fight for the non-conformist.

The play *Antigone* is a little deeper than that, however, and somewhat more of a complicated and puzzling dilemma. Creon says to Antigone that "there had to be one man who said 'yes'. Somebody had to agree to captain the ship. She had sprung a hundred leaks; she was loaded to the water-line with crime, ignorance, poverty. . . . It is easy to say 'no'. To say 'yes', you have to sweat and roll up your sleeves and plunge both hands into life up to the elbows. It is easy to say 'no', even if saying 'no' means death." Anouilh here digs at his own depressing and romantic nihilism as much as Antigone does when she asks the guard not to tell anyone that

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A Vote of Confidence . . .

In response to a recommendation from the Academic Council, the Interfraternity Council has passed three resolutions concerning Initiation Week. In effect, these three rules provide that 1 no pledge activities taking place during Iniation Week be of such a sort as to bring discredit upon the college, 2) each fraternity shall guarantee that no pledge will cut classes, and that each pledge will have sufficient time for sleep and study, and 3) any and all physical indignities are to be prohibited.

These rules are definitely a step in the right direction, and, as such, are to be commended. What is even more encouraging is that every house has shown itself to be in accord with the rules. Definite improvements have been made over the situation of last year, but many problems still remain to be faced. It is our hope that the respective fraternities will not sit back thinking that they have solved the problem, and ignore the difficulties that still exist.

For one thing, no definite penalties have been set for infractions of the established rules. Who is to be responsible? Exactly what constitutes "physical indignity"? Is the freshman responsible for cutting his class, and if so, is he responsible for not having enough sleep? What sort of action brings discredit upon the college? Granted that these questions are difficult to answer—nevertheless, if there are infringements, what is to be the penalty? This is a queestion requiring an answer, and no answer has yet been proposed.

This brings up another point—just how responsible is the IFC itself? It has no legal position in the college, depending entirely upon student acceptance for its jurisdiction. If a fraternity violates one of the laws, is its representative responsible to the IFC? Last year, this was the case. Monday night however, this law was repealed. To us, this action seems unrealistic, to say the least. As elected representatives of their houses, these men necessarily stand answerable for actions taken by their houses, and, conversely, the houses are giving these men a vote of faith in electing them. If they are not willing to abide by the commitments made by their representatives, then what they need is a new representative—not a law saying these men are not responsible for actions taken by the Interfraternity Council as a whole, actions in which the houses themselves had a vote.

To whom are the fraternities themselves responsible? If they are not responsible to the IFC, they are at least responsible to the college. As stated in an earlier editorial, the college is held responsible if anything should happen during initation activities. For its own welfare, then, it must hold the fraternities accountable for their actions, and if not through the IFC, then by what means is this to be done? We, who talk in ringing terms of our student government, should at least be confident enough in this government to stand up behind any decisions that it might make. If the fraternities will not hold themselves responsible to the IFC, then this agreement between the IFC and Academic Council is very likely to degenerate into a discussion group, because elected representatives are not responsible for actions taken by their houses.

Another recommendation made by the IFC to the Academic Council is that "wherever possible, advanced assignments should be given the Freshmen before the end of the first semester". To us, this seems to be putting an unncessary burden upon the faculty, and is, as a matter of fact, a recognition of the fact that the rule that each pledge shall have sufficient time to study is very likely to be infringed upon, if not actually disregarded. What this rule says, in effect, is that "Wouldn't it be nice, if the freshmen could do all their work ahead of time, so that we won't have to worry about their having enough time during Hell Week to do it?" This recommendation cuts the ground completely out of the aforementioned rule—it is defeatist, and therefore undesirable.

What we desire is more specific legislation to be enacteed by the Interfraternity Council, covering minimum requirements for the week. A minimum of time required for study, and for sleep is, we believe, necessary. This takes a good deal of pressure off the individual fraternities, who will no longer have to worry about infringing the regulations, since they are plainly stated. Another thing we propose is the complete elimination of off Hill trips.

Off-Hill trips, violate, in principle, all of the three laws. They are quite likely to attract sensational and unfavorable publicity because of their very nature. Again, there is no guarantee that the freshmen will arrive back at college in time to get sufficient sleep and study time. Even were the limit to be placed at, say 80 miles, there is always the possibility that the pledge will not be able to get a ride enabling him to arrive in time for classesPhysical indignity is practically inevitable in off-Hill trips, unless, of course you want to call wading through snow drifts enjoyable. There is always the possibility of an accident, and, in such a case, who is to be held responsible? The fraternity? Certainly, but the college will come in for its share of the blame in allowing such things to continue. Off-Hill trips, in our opinion, should be specifically prohibited.

These criticisms have been intended as constructive—we realize that there are many things that should be done that have not been done. Much improvement has been made, and we are properly appreciative of that. What we fear is that the reaction will be to rest, now that definite improvements have been made. Improving the Initiation Week rules is a slow job at best, and we grant that these changes cannot all be made at one time.

The IFC has taken a step forward. Now it remains for the students to support the IFC, and for the IFC to consolidate it position with a definite statement of its responsibility and relationship to the college.

F. M. P.

Here And There

The editors of the *Red and Black*, University of Georgia student newspaper, have resigned in protest to faculty censorship after an editorial condemning segregation in the South's schools aroused the ire of a Georgian politician.

According to Editor Walter Landy, Jr., and Managing Editor William Sharp, their resignations came because the University had denied them the right to answer charges made by Roy V. Harris, Augusta editor, politician and member of the State Board of Regents, which governs the University.

Harris had suggested that the Regents cut off appropriations from the partially state-supported *Red and Black* after an editorial stated that "continued segregation and supperssion can and will cause the death of democracy by the hands of its own leaders."

In response to Harris the Red and Black ran a front page story claiming they had been "threatened" in reply to which Harris accused the editors of harboring "radical ideas" and suggested that Landy and Sharp be "stamped out" of positions of leadership. The two resigned when University officials forbade a further uncensored reply.

It seems Harris' final parting shot was that he considered the editors "sissies" and that they should better spend their time in college playing football.

The "Little Ivy League" or "Potted Ivy League", as the editor of the Union College Concordiensis in proposing the the small-college football league called it, seems to be losing ground. Trinity, Wesleyan and Amherst have officially rejected the plan. All the press releases from Union boosting the idea tell us that Hamilton has voiced its agreement—at least in its newspaper columns. This is news to us. We ran a straight news story on the plan in our Union game issue, and the comments in "Continental Confidential" on page 3 have all been in opposition to the idea. The College has not yet made any official statement about the league, mainly because no official request has been received by the Administration from Union. The remarks we have picked up while talking to members of the Administration all seem to voice disapproval as well.

The confusion, however, is not just one-sided. President Cole of Amherst in his statement said that Williams had rejected the plan. According to thee Williams Director of Athletics Frank Thoms, this is not true. In the meantime, the *Williams Record*, the college newspaper, is conducting a student poll on the subject.

The league, which is to consist of the above-mentioned colleges and Bowdoin, Middlebury, Tufts, Haverford, Hobart, Rochester and Swarthmore, was rejected by Cole for these reasons: 1) no benefits other than new material for the sportswriters, 2) too much pressure on the team and the amateur standing, and 3) overly long trips.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In our opinion the article by Cal Torrance and Stan Schade in the *Spectator* of December 18 concerning the lecture by Professor H. H. Wilson was a mis-atement of facts and a mis-interpretation of Dr. Wilson's meaning.

Dr. Wilson's purpose was not to make a partisan attack upon the Republicans; he could just as easily, as he did in one of the classes he attended, have cited President Truman as President Eisenhower as an example to support his thesis. However, he decided quite rightly that examples from today's newspapers are far more pertinent and alive than those from last year's.

Furthermore, he did not, as they stated, brand the President as a man without a personality, ideas or imagination. He called him a man with a mass-produced personality, with pre-digested ideas and with an imagination strictly bound by his intemperate desire to prevent controversy; a man all too typical of the American people today.

Nor, we think, would Professor Wilson deny that with technological advancement has come greater opportunity for many to display his creative abilities. But he would, and did, point out that these abilities are not being used. The thousands of men who grind out soap operas and pulp novels are not being creative; they are drowning their individual abilities in a never-changing flood of escapist entertainment. Nor is the man who gets care-

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Critic Finds Better Writing, Layout In New "Continental"

By Mike Sundell

The editors of the *Continental* are to be congratulated on the excellent magazine they have turned out. In every way it is superior cleaner and more attractive, the writing more skillful, and, for a happy change, there are no intense studies of neurotic little boys or girls.

Of the four stories in the magazine, *Several People and the Show at Power Dam* by Pierre Brownell is by far the best, and probably as good as any you are likely to find in collegiate anthologies. Strictly speaking, the weakness of its plot makes it less a short story than simply a description of the attitudes and sentiments of the various people connected with a show being put on at a smoker in a small town.

In *In Retrospect*, Dusty Heuston describes two college boys on their first weekend in New York. It is hard to believe that a college senior could write with such technical crudeness. Much as we would like to believe that he did this intentionally, we cannot see how he hoped to improve his story by so many grammatical mistakes.

However, this is only a small quarrel, for the story's power, sincerity, and perception more than make up for its technical faults. Heuston has the two great gifts of being able to see and record the obvious and be-

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Judges Announced For One-Act Plays

The Charlatans elected student and faculty judges for their fourth annual one-act play contest at a meeting of the group on January 7. Charlatans Director Bill Woodman reminded student contestants that all plays are due on the first day of the second semester, Monday, February 1.

The judges selected for the contest are Mrs. Edwin Barrett, Cleveland Jauch, Sidney Wertimer, Michael Sundell, David Freyss and Bill Woodman. They will announce the three winners of the contest on February 11. Cash prizes will be awarded. The plays should be left in the [illegible]s mailbox or given to any member of the Executive Board. [illegible]riters are asked to leave their manuscripts unsigned but to put their names in a sealed envelope, which is to be submitted with the play.

The three winning plays will be performed on March 11, 12 and 13 by the Charlatans "in the round" as in previous years, the audience sitting on the four sides of the acting space. The one-act plays will be done in Commons, and the admission will be free.

The contest rules are posted on campus bulletin boards. Additional copies are available at the circulation desk in the College Library.

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Pledge Enforcement of Rules

"The members of the Interfraternity Council hereby pledge themselves to work individually and collectively for the enforcement of the above rules and expect these rules to be interpreted with as close attention paid to the spirit as to the letter of them.

"The Interfraternity Council recommends to the Academic Council that: (1) whenever possible advanced assignments should be given the Freshmen before the end of the first semester; (2) that the Academic Council meet with the Interfraternity Council shortly after the completion of Initiation Week.

"Furthermore, in order that the above rules be adhered to as closely as possible, the Interfraternity Council recommends to the individual fraternities: (1) that no pledge trips be of such length or duration as would prevent the pledge or pledges concerned from having sufficient time for sleep and study; (2) that all such trips be planned to avert any and all unfavorable publicity; (3) that the representatives to the Interfraternity Council be on the Initiation Week committees of the respective fraternities in order to facilitate the enforcement of the initiation Week Rules."

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By Comer Coppie

In a final meeting of the NCAA Wednesday afternoon in Sarasota, Florida, it was decided that the one platoon system was here to stay. Committee secretary E. E. Wilman said, "One platoon system found an increasing favor among the coaches, public, players, and everybody during the 1953 season."

The decision, however, draws little praise from this reporter. Let us look at the season in retrospect and see just how successful the new limited substitution rule was. The primary purpose of the limited substitution rule was to abolish the specialist type of player and to return the game to the players themselves. This has been accomplished.

However, the only advantage I can see of the new rule is the advantage the spectator receives from it. The average spectator in the stands can now easily distinguish who is playing at any time without being a mathematical genius. The game is no longer broken down into a group of specialists playing against another group of specialists.

While this is the lone advantage that I am able to find with the new rule there are several disadvantages. The most important disadvantage with the present system is that the number of players who can actually participate in the game has been limited. Now the coach is faced with the problem of finding eleven "iron men," and is unable to use many players who would have seen considerable action under the old system. A coach can no longer afford to rest some of his starters because once taken out, the player can not return until there are only four minutes remaining in the quarter.

Because of this limited substitution injuries are more prominent. A tired player can not play as well and his body is, therefore, more vulnerable to injury.

When the two platoon system was used the game was more exciting and interesting to watch. It was a faster type of ball, and there were a considerable number of more high scoring contests which the spectators find more enjoyable. Under the old system the offensive team had time to perfect its plays so that when it went into the contest it was ready to run them smoothly. But now with a team having to concentrate on both offensive and defensive tactics, it can not be expected to play as well.

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Bob Regan takes a shot at the American International College goal during the game last Saturday. Hamilton won 5-4.

Hockey Team Edges A. I. C., Swamps Williams To End Streak

By Dave Smalley

The Hamilton College hockey team decisively ended a 15 game losing streak this past week by defeating American International College, 5-3, at the Sage Rink last Saturday and by swamping Williams, 8-2, on the Williams ice last Wednesday. The team's record is now even at 2-2 having previously lost to R. P. I. and Clarkson.

The Williams game was played in sub-zero weather on the new Williams outdoor rink. "Chip" Pickering scored first for Hamilton after the Blue had been pressing for 14 minutes for the first period. The Blue scored again as Jack Taylor pushed the puck past the Eph's goalie, and the period ended with Hamilton leading, 2-0. The Hillmen took 21 shots on the goal this period, which was almost half the shots they took in the whole game.

5 Goals in 2nd Period

Hamilton exploded for five goals in the second period which the Purple countered with two. Pickering, Bill Scoones, and "Joby" Burns all scored for Hamilton before Gary Teenbach and Bob Bethune could put goals back to back for the Ephmen. These two goals, however, were

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Fund Contribution Hit New High in '53

The recently completed 1953 Friends of Hamilton Fund Drive collected a record-setting $11,531, according to Douglas Kuhn, financial secretary of the College. The gifts came from 199 donors.

The Friends of Hamilton Fund had its tenth anniversary last year. It was founded in 1944 by former president W. H. Cowley. None of the donors to the Fund are alumni of the College.

In 1944, $2,432 was collected from 62 contributors. 1,099 separate gifts totalling $50,250 have been received since the establishment of the Fund. Last year's chairman was Chester R. Dewey., a Hamilton trustee. Vice-chairmen were Mrs. Franklyn J. Ely, Richard H. Balch, father of James P. Balch, '55, and William D. Winter.

$3,855 of the money collected in last year's drive was given by parents of students, $1,714 by parents of alumni, and $1,020 by commercial firms. Other contributors gave $4,942.

Tankmen Sunk By Brockp't, Rochester

The Hamilton College hockey team decisively ended a 15 game to an abrupt finish when the College authorities announced that, due to a campus water shortage, the pool would be closed. The mermen practiced for a week at the Utica Y.M.C.A. in order that they might complete the road portion of their schedule.

Of the four meets in which Hamilton competed, all were on the road, and all four were losing efforts. The team bowed 22-62 to Cortland, 19-65 to Brockport, 17-66 to Union, and 34-49 to Rochester. Canceled were return engagements with Cortland, Union, and Rochester and a meet with R.P.I.

At a recent meeting held after the abbreviated 1953-54 Swimming season, Phil Hahn and Don Goss were elected to co-captain the team for the 1954-55 season. Hahn, a member of LXA, swims the backstroke while Goss, a member of Chi Psi, is a free-styler.

While the team lost all four meets, Coach Bill Tomik can derive consolation from the fact that all four meets were on the road, from the fine showing against Rochester, and from the consistent improvement shown by the many freshmen on the team.

Hill Takes Second Basketball Victory Defeats Utica Five

Coyle Stars In 81-48 Contest

Vince Coyle and Pete Eckel led Hamilton to a soft 81-48 victory over Utica College Wednesday night, breaking the Continentals, four-game losing streak.

Absorbing defeats from Buffalo and Rochester last weekend, the Blue's victory brought their season's record to two wins and four losses.

Coyle accounted for 25 points, getting seven in the first, third, and fourth quarters. Eckel had 19 points and several nice assists in the rather sloppily played contest. Otto Badenhausen did a good job in the rebounding department.

Jim Greene, who led Utica scorers with 13 points, started the game by making his first three shots, and shooting Utica into a 6-2 lead. Eckel's drive-in and Coyle's foul and jump-shot made it 5-8. Badenhausen layed up a quick blind pass from Eckel and sank a foul to tie the game. A foul shot by Weatherbee gave the Continentals a lead they never lost.

Utica missed many easy shots and the Blue built up a 17-13 lead at the quarter. Weatherbee injured his foot at the six-minute mark and was replaced by Ron Hovey.

In the second quarter, with John Ibach at center and Moses in for Hovey, Hamilton increased its lead steadily. Ryan drove in for a basket on the opening play, and scored two more field goals to lead the scoring in the second quarter, which ended with the Blue in front, 38-24. Moses played sharp, aggressive ball in this period, putting in 5 points for his best showing of the year here.

The second half began the same way, Eckel ducking in a pretty underhand basket in the opening seconds. Wheeler kept Utica in mild contention by sinking 7 foul shots and a field goal in the third quarter. Coyle began to hit and Hamilton to pull away as the period ended, 53-38.

The last quarter saw the only good basketball of the game, as the home team, led by Eckel and Coyle, hit for 28 points. The nicest play of the game came when Coyle dribbled the ball behind his back, Cousy-style, and drove in for the Continental's 70th point. The game ended at 81-48, and everyone was glad to go home, including 4 spirited cheerleaders from Utica.

In the preliminary game, Sims' 20 points led the Hamilton JV to an easy 72-52 triumph over Utica.

Winslow ... cont'd

Royal Society of Letters. Sweden honored him with membership in the Royal Society of Lund. Among the organizations he belongs to are the Archaeological Institute of America, the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, and the Archaeological Institute of Athens.

When the Second World War interrupted Blegen's excavations, he served in the Office of Strategic Services as cultural attaché to Greece. After the First World War, Blegen worked in Greece with the International Red Cross.

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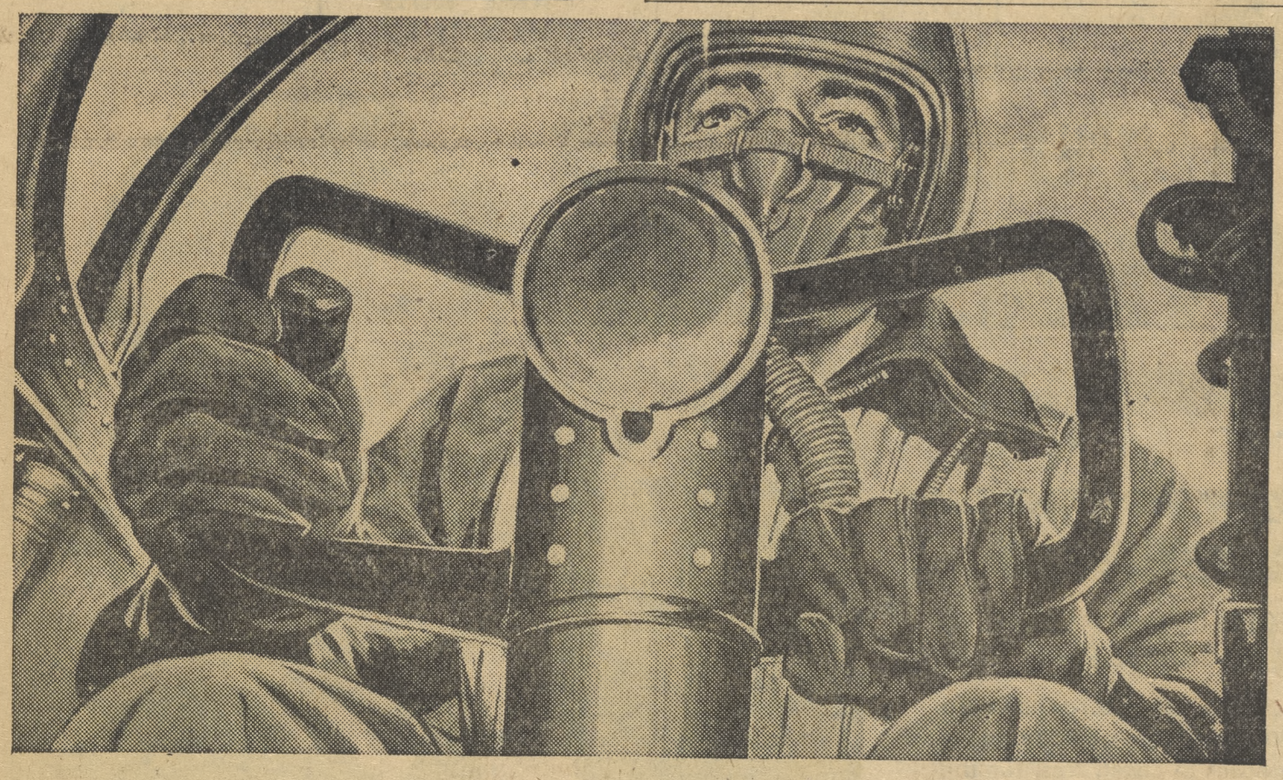

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Marsh Announces Judging Changes For Prize Essays

By Bob Connor

A change in the general plan of judging prize essays has been announced by Willard B. Marsh, chairman of the College's reading committee.

Beginning this year, those faculty members who require term papers in their courses will submit the best of these papers to the reading committee. The committee, in turn, will judge these papers according to the standards established by the donors of the various foundations and outlined in the College catalogue.

Supplement Former Policy

This new change will supplement the former policy of encouraging students to submit original essays. Although last year students were required to write on a specific topic, this year they may consult with a member of the reading committee, which includes Messers. Marsh, Blyth, Carson, Hamlin, and Richardson, to select a suitable topic of their own choosing. "This change," said Marsh, "will encourage students to compete by allowing them to write on subjects that really interest them."

Last year only six essays were submitted in 12 competitions for prizes that ranged from $7.50 to $75.00. "By these changes we hope to increase the number of entries and improve the quality of writing," said Marsh.

Timetable Released

A timetable for the essay competition was also released by Marsh. Early in February the complete rules for all competitions will be released and published. Students will submit the subjects on which they wish to write before March 1 for approval by the faculty April 6. On May 1 all papers are due in the President's office. Then they will be judged, and awards will be made on May 20, Class and Charter Day.

Hockey . . . cont'd

soon canceled by Burns and "Lou" Crowley, and Hamilton again led by five goals, 7-2. The last period was very loosely played with numerous penalties being given out to both sides. Although Hamilton was outshot 10-9, Taylor scored the only goal of the period.

Forced to come from behind last Saturday, the Hillmen exploded with a decisive four-goal last period against American International. Although Hamilton controlled the play at the outset, A.I.C. took a 1-0 first period lead.

Heuston Scores

Their goal came as a result of a poor "clear," as goalie Moodey was screened on the shot, which came from directly in front of the cage. Hamilton defenseman Dusty Heuston scored on a blue line shot after A.I.C. had made the game 2-0. The visitors scored again, and the score stood at 3-1 going into the final period. Hamilton was having tough luck as it was forcing play, but many of its shots were hitting the bar, and many others were stopped by the A.I.C. goalie.

Pickering accounted for the first of Hamilton's third period goals and Crowley knotted the score on a solo dash when Hamilton was one man down. The Blue went ahead when Heuston garnered his second goal of the evening, and the fifth score came as a result of a brilliant series of passes with the puck being slapped in by Taylor from directly in front of the goal mouth.

The Hillmen will play Norwich here Saturday night. Norwich, which last year was voted the best small college team in the East, beat Hamilton twice by scores of 10-2 and 10-3. Thus far this season, Norwich has beaten Colby, 7-3, and lost to Springfield, 9-8.

Sub-frosh . . .cont'd

take them on a tour of the campus. The tour will end at the gym in time for the Norwich-Hamilton basketball game at 4 p.m. They will eat at the fraternity houses, and after the Norwich-Hamilton hockey game, they will attend a reception in the Hall of Commons. The various student organizations will be described at that time.

Sunday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the basketball court and the hockey rink will be available to the sub-freshmen. Mox Weber, head of the physical education department, will talk to them about Hamilton's athletic program in the Baker Memorial Room at noon. Following this, Tom Gregory, assistant director of admissions, will lead an open discussion about the College. Dinner will be held at 1 p.m. and will conclude the formal weekend program.

The College held two sub-freshmen weekends last year, one in the fall, and one in the spring. The spring weekend was particularly successful since 12 of the 22 men are enrolled here this year. Another spring weekend is planned for this year. Anyone interested can take part in this year's sub-freshmen program since its organization is not solely a Block H Club project as it was last year.

Letter . . . cont'd

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Professor Wilson was less concerned with "McCarthyism" than with the elements in the American people which permit it to flourish. He was in favor of a program which would eliminate all security risks from sensitive positions, not a program which determines "loyalty" solely by political affiliation. He wanted a shift from the trend to conformity to traditional American individualism.

E. Granof, '56; M. Sundell, '56; H. Farr, '54; H. Woggon, '54; F. Seidner, '55.

Next week the S.C.A. will give two presentations of the feature film, 'My Little Chicadee," in the Chemistry Auditorium. The movie will be shown Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. The cast includes W. C. Fields and Mae West. Admission is $.40.

Joel Cronin has been elected president of the Squires Club and Sam Rosen, vice-president for the spring semester.

Antigone . . .cont'd

she really didn't know for what she was dying. It is all very well to be the "salt of the earth," to be oneself, to die for the honesty of self, but unfortunately Anouilh, unlike Camus, has his existentialist heroine—and I think we can call her that—sacrifice only for herself. It is a death quest, almost an "acte gratuit"—committed for its own sake only, for no practical reason but to preserve one's self-respect.

What Order?

The puzzle is what order and authority should there be. When should one say "yes" and when "no?" It is obvious where Anouilh stands here: it is with Antigone. For all of Creon's logic and practicality and even good will and good works, he is still loathsome. He offers the "easy life" wherein one rejects ideals and ethics in order to be comfortable and happy. He tells Antigone that "people will tell you that life is something else. They will tell you that because they need your strength and your fire, and they will want to make use of you. Don't listen to them. Life is nothing more than happiness." Antigone vehemently and finally rejects this life of happiness, this idea that "life must go on, come what may." She refuses what we call today "false security."

If there is still something unsolved in the play's message, the puzzle is answered by both Antigone and Creon. They both must do their duty and be themselves. Antigone says, "What a person can do, a person ought to do." And later Creon echoes this: ". . . but I shall play my part. I shall have to put you to death." Both play their parts; perhaps even both are right. What bothers me is that Creon's part is forced by the mob and by order.

Philip Hahn is the president of Lambda Chi for the spring semester. Thomas Aloisi, vice-president, and Robert Clobridge, secretary, were also elected at a house meeting last week.

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acted by the Hamilton publications and is the regulator of the money spent by the College for the publications. He is also a member of the Publications Board.

Schade, a junior and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, is assistant editor of *The Spectator*. He was news editor of the College newspaper last year and was in charge of this fall's scholarship issue. This is his third year on *The Spectator*. Stephenson has been chief photographer for the yearbook and *The Spectator* for two years. A senior, Stephenson is also president of the Hill Camera Club. He was on the Press Board last year and has had his photographs printed in the Utica newspapers. He is a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Weber, a junior, is in over-all charge of business for Hamilton publications. He is also business manager of *The Spectator* and has worked for Hill publications for three years. He is a member of Enigma Phi.

A carton of Chesterfields cigarettes will be awarded to the best piece of work in the recent issue of The Continental as judged by the editors of the literary magazine. The winner will be announced in the next issue of The Spectator.

Continental Review . . . cont'd

ing able to describe the emotions of his characters with complete truthfulness. Too often college writers in their search for something new and different, ignore as subjects those things which are closest to them. It was a pleasant change to read about the boys' amazement at the Automat or their fright at the subway and at being propositioned in a dance moves throughout the story.

Lud by Tom Raynor is an excellently written, but somewhat superficial and trite account of an American reporter's chase after a French model in pre-war Paris. Raynor writes very well, but you feel, when reading his story, that you've read the whole thing a number of times before. Even what is supposed to be a surprise ending isn't very much of a surprise.

Perhaps the most interesting story in the magazine is Frank Seidner's *Nothing At All*. This is a surrealistic study, and the author keeps his meaning suitably obscure. However he does succeed in creating an eerie mood and a sense of timelessness. Our main objection with the story is its lack of cohesiveness. Certainly, we would not demand a plot, but even a surrealistic study should have some unifying force, and we were not able to find one in *Nothing at All*.

With a few exceptions, the poetry in the issue is not on the same high level as the prose. *Be Not Deceived by Sweet Coquettes* by Ed Pomeroy is a well-written warning that beneath their apparent flightiness women have traps strong enough to catch any man.

On the Death of the Poet Laureate, Omar Pound's adaption of A. A. Milne's Christopher Robin poem, is clever and amusing. Pound's other poem, *Two Sides of the Same Coin,* is a smooth-flowing metaphysical description of the paradox of lovers being at the same time together and apart.

The Last, Lost Days by Harry Woggon is an entertaining, although occasionally labored, account of the gradual dissipation of five shipwrecked people.

Of Dave Campbell's two poems, *Insomnia* and *But We Are Very Young,"* the latter is by far the better. Campbell has a true lyric quality which comes out well in this poem. However, in *Insomnia* he lets his agility at mixing words get out of hand, and ends up with sighing tear drops, wondering shadows, and for a touch of originality, a whispering wind.

The poem we most objected to was *Summer Song* by Pete Meinke. Meinke has some writing ability and ideas worth expressing,but he smothers everything underneath a pile of cliches and mixed metaphors. Probably his main trouble is that he tries too hard to be "poetic." Perhaps he would find in prose some vehicle better suited to his particular talents.

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